Cass County Fair Association Regular Meeting Gregorek Building July 18, 2023 Minutes

President Brian Kuemin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** President Brian Kuemin, Secretary Jill Hershberger, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Space Rental Mike Smego, Directors Dave Bratton, Mike Frushour, Jerry Zackary, Zelda Cloud, Gene Deubner, Shane Harris, David Gleason, Rodney Waldschmidt, Ben Waldschmidt, Daryl Keesler, Guests: Lorenne Witham, Patty Dohm, Neil Bowman, Jennifer Stockwell, Robin Brenneman, Sara Brenneman, Bridget Lemon, Jesse Lemon, Tom Gregory, Rachel Richmond, Jan Becreaft, Rowan Iwaniuk, Bobbie Labar, Melissa Town. Recorder Stephanie Knepple.

Absent: Vice President Gail Peterson, Directors Jim Teter and Alex Wilson.

Minutes: Approval of July 2023 minutes will take place at the August 2023 meeting.

**Financial Report**: Approval of July 2023 Financial Report will take place at the August 2023 meeting.

## **Public Comment:**

- Parent Rachel Richmond shared that she reviewed the Fair Board's Code of Conduct and questioned the consequences of a board member walking out during a meeting due to feeling disrespected. Richmond also voiced her concern of the scale in the swine barn.
- 4-H Agent Lorenne Witham announced that the ribbons had arrived.
- Swine Superintendent Jennifer Stockwell reported of a missing divider gate in the hog barn. Stockwell also asked for confirmation of the large animal auction order.
- Dairy Feeder Superintendent Jan Becraft shared that the gates had been branded.
- Poultry Superintendent Melissa Town asked to have hoses on top of the barn fixed.
- Robin Brenneman asked to have the fan fixed in the horse barn.
- Horse Superintendent Bobbi Labar asked to hold the trophies until exhibitors fill out a
  Thank You card before receiving their trophy. Labar asked for extra food vouchers for the
  judges that will be on the grounds for 2 days in a row. Labar also asked if a scoop of dirt
  could be delivered to Sleepy Hollow Barn.
  - Zelda Cloud moved to hold onto the trophies until exhibitors fill out a Thank You card, supported by Mike Frushour. Motion carried.

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• Parent Tom Gregory shared his appreciation of the board and transparency.

## **Committee Reports:**

- Dave Bratton shares information about the successful work nights. Bratton is looking for volunteers to trim trees.
- Jerry Zackary shared his appreciation for those helping on work nights.

## Adjournment

7:20 p.m. Zelda Cloud, moved. Rodney Waldschmidt, supported. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Stephanie Knepple